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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(C)(2) FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

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Applicant hereby petitions for withdrawal of the subject application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2) after payment of the issue fee, so that the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 may be considered, along with the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Subsequent to paying the issue fee, through a corresponding PCT proceeding Applicant became aware of further prior art, which it disclosed on February 12, 2005 in an IDS along with payment under 37 CFR 1.17(p) for \$180. The Patent Office accepted the \$180 fee but did not consider the prior art cited in the IDS. A new copy of the IDS is submitted herewith, and it is requested that this application be withdrawn from issue so that the references cited in the IDS can be considered. It is also requested that the \$180 fee be refunded to Applicant.

Refund of the issue fee is hereby requested.

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